Condition of ESI Dispensary at Jahangirpuri

† 2118. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's reaction on a news-item captioned "Dactaraon kee badsaluki bardasht Kame ko abhishapt hain log" published in Dainik Jagaran dated June 9, 2000; and

(b) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) and (b) The matter raised in 'Dainik Jagran' dated 10.06.2000 about the ESI Dispensary Jahangirpuri has been enquired into by the Senior officers of the ESI Corporation. In the case of one complainant on 2.5.2000 the ESI Doctor is reported to have prescribed certain ointment which was not available in the stock on that day. However, the same was immediately purchased and the insured person collected the ointment on 5.5.2000. The remaining cases mentioned in the news item were found to be imaginary. As regards alleged misbehaviour of the medical and para-medical staff, no patient corroborated the report published in the Newspaper during the course of enquiry. However, the ESIC has since issued instructions to all medical & paramedical staff to treat patients with due courtesy, examine them properly and make arrangement for providing them medicines in time.

Migration of Labourers from Bihar

† 2119. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased:

(a) the number of labourers who migrate to other States from the State of Bihar every year;

(b) whether it is a fact that the labourers from Bihar are subjected to exploitation in other State;

(c) if so, the number of cases came into light with regard to

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

the exploitation of labourers during the last five years alongwith the number of labourers killed; and

(d) the number of cases in which action has been taken against the guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

Office of Protector of Emigrants at Shimla

2120. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested by State Government of Himachal Pradesh to open New Office of Protector of Emigrants at Shimla;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to consider the pending requests; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Keeping in view the reduced outflow of workers to other countries for work because of various reasons as also the fact that very few emigrants go abroad for contractual employment from the State of Himachal Pradesh, it is not considered feasible for the present to open an office of Protector of Emigrants in Shimla.

Cruelty on Domestic Child Labour

2121. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the News-item in the "News Time" dated 18th June, 2000 captioned "Protest against cruelty on bonded children"